

and discussion of the reasons for not implementing such recommendations.

SEC. 311. REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE.

(a) **REPORT.**—In order to assess additional actions that should be taken to further improve the acquisition system, the Comptroller General of the United States shall, not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, conduct reviews and submit one or more reports to Congress on Federal acquisition policy.

(b) **CONTENT.**—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the 2 statutory standards governing the qualifications of the government's acquisition workforce and an assessment of the implementation of and practical impact of both standards and whether there should be a single standard for the acquisition workforce.

(2) A list and assessment of all Federal institutions providing acquisition and program management education and training and a recommendation on the advisability of continuing to offer education and training through multiple institutions or whether education and training should be combined at one government-wide institution.

(3) A review of agency compliance with Section 1412 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003 (title XIV of Public Law 108-136; 41 U.S.C. 433 note), including whether agencies have appointed Chief Acquisition Officers whose primary duties are acquisition management, and recommendations for the appointment of Chief Acquisition Officers government-wide.

(c) **GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REVIEW.**—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall review the determinations made by executive agencies under section 303(g) regarding indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contracts and shall submit to Congress a report on the implementation of requirements related to such determinations.

SEC. 312. MAPPING AND SURVEYING SERVICES.

The Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy shall amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation to provide guidance on contracting for mapping and surveying services in accordance with chapter 11 of title 40, United States Code, to ensure that these services are being procured through appropriate competitive procedures and that offers are evaluated using a qualifications-based selection process.

SEC. 313. TIMELY AND ACCURATE TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION INCLUDED IN FEDERAL PROCUREMENT DATA SYSTEM.

Section 19 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 417(d)) is amended to read as follows:

“(d) **TRANSMISSION AND DATA ENTRY OF INFORMATION.**—The head of each executive agency shall ensure the accuracy of the information included in the record established and maintained by such agency under subsection (a) and shall timely transmit such information to the General Services Administration for entry into the Federal Procurement Data System referred to in section 6(d)(4), or any successor system.”

SEC. 314. USE OF EXISTING FUNDS FOR REGULATIONS AND REPORTS.

Provisions and amendments of this Act requiring the promulgation of regulations or the production of reports shall be carried out using existing funds.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee

on Rules and Administration will meet on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at 10 a.m., in order to hear testimony on the recently released GAO report regarding funding challenges and facilities maintenance at the Smithsonian Institution.

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact Howard Gantman at the Rules and Administration Committee, 224-6352.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

At this hearing, the subcommittee will discuss research and development efforts to safely and efficiently sequester carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide capture and sequestration is a widely discussed solution to decreasing atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, in order to conduct a hearing entitled “Examining U.S. Government Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights” on Wednesday, November 7, 2007. The hearing will commence at 10 a.m. in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a markup of S. 2300, the Small Business Contracting Revitalization Act of 2007. The meeting will commence on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, in order to conduct an oversight hearing on performance and structure of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. The Committee will meet in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NAMING OF THE OSCAR G. JOHNSON VETERANS MEDICAL FACILITY

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Veterans' Affairs Committee be discharged from the further consideration of H.R. 2602, and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2602) to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility in Iron Mountain, Michigan, as the “Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility”.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; that any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2602) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING ACT OF 2007

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 420, S. 680.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 680) to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting, and for other purposes.

Without objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Accountability in Government Contracting Act of 2007”.

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.*
- Sec. 2. Table of contents.*
- Sec. 3. Definitions.*

TITLE I—ACQUISITION WORKFORCE

Sec. 101. Federal acquisition workforce.

TITLE II—COMPETITION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Sec. 201. Requirement for purchase of property and services pursuant to multiple award contracts.*
- Sec. 202. Statement of work requirements for certain task or delivery orders.*
- Sec. 203. Protests of task and delivery orders.*
- Sec. 204. Publication of justification and approval documents.*
- Sec. 205. Limitation on length of certain non-competitive contracts.*
- Sec. 206. Prohibition on award of certain large task or delivery order contracts for services.*
- Sec. 207. Guidance on use of tiered evaluations of offers for contracts and task orders under contracts.*